

IN THE CLAIMS

1. through 24. (Canceled).

25. (New) An automated method of validating one or more medical-based expenses based on context data obtained during performance of one or more medical-based tasks, comprising a computer system performing the steps of:

automatically collecting context data at the computer system in the form of location and time information for at least one user, wherein the user is a physician, a nurse, or a medical administrator performing one or more medical-based tasks, and further wherein the location and time information accurately correspond to the performance of the one or more medical-based tasks by the physician, the nurse, or the medical administrator;

receiving a subsequent entry by the user at the computer system of a medical-based expense incurred while performing at least one of the one or more of medical-based tasks, wherein the user entry comprises a recollected location and a time associated with the performance of the medical-based expense;

automatically reconciling any errors between the recollected location and time information entered by the physician, the nurse, or the medical administrator and the context data previously automatically collected in the form of accurate location and time information; and

providing an indication of the reconciliation such that a resulting medical-based expense recorded in the computer system is accurate;

wherein context data is capable of being automatically collected by the computer system from at least one of a calendar, a global positioning system, user entry, a video, a sensor associated with a person, a sensor not associated with a person, and a proximity to a wireless access point;

further wherein the computer system maintains a mapping of physical location information collected as part of the context data in the form of specific coordinates to logical location information in the form of room numbers or room functions such that location information entered by the user is more easily reconciled by the computer system.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of the computer system obtaining a specification of context associated with the one or more medical-based tasks wherein the specification of context is capable of being at least one of a location, a time at location, a proximity to a location, a proximity to a person, a proximity to a device, a proximity to a person satisfying a condition, a proximity to a location during a specified time interval, an application invocation, a duration of an application invocation, a duration of an application focus on a particular subject, an application invocation during a specified time interval, a user input, a duration of a user input session, a proximity to multiple persons and a location, a calendar, a work assignment, and a workflow stage.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein context data is capable of being automatically collected through at least one of a computer program, a file transfer, a batch mode, a communications network, a communications-enabled device, and a polling mechanism.